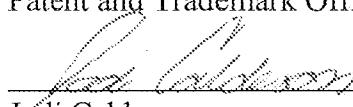


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 17, 2006, a one month extension of time being hereby requested with fee attached, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Argument begin on page 8 of this paper.